

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
or partisan
interests and less
of what we need for
our democracy.

Sinclair's actions
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard.

Unless Sinclair is
required to
broadcast a
documentary that
offers an opposing
viewpoint, they have
in effect had the
entire public
subsidize their
partisan interests.
The public should
not be subsidizing a
private entity so
that it can further
its private causes.
It is time the FCC
exert its power to
stand up for the
public interest and
require Sinclair to
present both sides
of the story or
present no side at
all.

The FCC needs to
quit rolling over at
times when it is
most important to
fulfill its duty -
when the public

interest is
sacrificed for
private gains that
are subsidized by
the use of the
publicly owned
airwaves. The FCC
needs to stand up to
obvious acts of
publicly subsidized
partisan interests
and enforce the laws
it was created to
enforce!

Thank you.